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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS RELATIVE TO FIELD SERVICES INCLUDING CASELOADS AND EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

On March 13, 2007, on the motion of Supervisor Don Knabe, your Board directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), formerly the Chief Administrative Office, to report back during budget deliberations on ways to fund and/or improve the field caseload levels in the Probation Department (Probation). Additionally, on March 13, 2007, on the motion of Supervisor Michael Antonovich, your Board instructed the CEO to include a review and recommendations on Probation's needs relative to field services, including caseloads and effective public safety programs.

On June 12, 2007, the CEO issued a status report to your Board indicating our intent to return to the Board with a report and recommendations in September 2007 during supplemental changes.

Probation's proposed plan, submitted to my office on June 7, 2007, identified staffing increases for adult and juvenile field operations based on Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) caseload recommendations. Probation also submitted its proposed staffing increases for Juvenile Special Services Bureau, Juvenile Placement Services Bureau,

and other public safety programs. Probation's proposed increases total approximately \$45.5 million to fund 610 sworn officer and support positions to fully implement effective EBP and client outcomes.

Proposed Solutions

We are recommending an increased annualized appropriation requirement of 71 positions and \$4.6 million for Probation for fiscal year (FY) 2007-08. These monies would be used to fund:

- An additional 34 positions for Juvenile Services Placement Bureau, to reduce the caseload level to 25 cases per Deputy Probation Officer (DPO), for Regional Placement to bring the caseloads to a manageable level; to implement the Placement Aftercare Unit which is essential to Probation's efforts to reduce recidivism, the length of stay in congregate care, and re-entry into group home or foster care; and to provide support for placement administration to properly manage and administer State and Federal regulations that govern fiscal and case management standards.
- An additional 33 positions for Juvenile Special Services Bureau, to reduce the caseload level to 50 cases per DPO, for the Intensive Gang Supervision Program to be able to adopt a home-based service delivery to increase family participation and decrease risk factors which lead to crime, and to strengthen the Special Enforcement Operations to enhance public safety.
- Four (4) Assistant Probation Director positions for Residential Treatment Services Bureau to provide support and assistance to camp managers in the administration of camps.

Probation is prepared to immediately work with the Department of Human Resources to fill these positions. The CEO will continue to work with Probation to analyze the remainder of the request and will return to your Board with further recommendations as funding becomes available.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Doyle Campbell, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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